

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Mitsuru ISHIKAWA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1763
Application No.: 09/696,232) Examiner: Olsen, Allan W.
Filed: October 26, 2000) Confirmation No.: 5127
For: ETCHING METHOD))

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2006, the period for response to which extends through November 22, 2006, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.